



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 301

By Senator Barnes

and

Representative Curtis Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rain Forrest Dartt, 2011 Valedictorian of Clarksville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rain Forrest Dartt is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Clarksville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Dartt has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Rain Dartt has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the National Forensics League, the International Thespian Society, Mock Trial, the Speech Club, Model United Nations, the Carnival Choir, the Church Choir, Interact, the Literary Magazine, the Junior Classical League, and the Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dartt's estimable leadership skills have enabled him to serve his fellow students as a member of Youth in Government, the Yearbook Staff, and the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his singular achievements in academics, Rain Dartt has received numerous honors, including membership in the National Honor Society, acceptance to the Governor's School for Humanities, and participation in American Legion Boys' State (ALBS), as well as such awards as the Education Foundation Academic Excellence Award, second place in the ALBS Oratorical Contest, Gold and Silver in the National Latin Exam, and National Merit Scholar Semifinalist recognition; and

WHEREAS, Rain Dartt's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the words of Benjamin Franklin, who said that "Democracy must be learned by each generation," Mr. Dartt is strongly committed to the noble precepts of public service and intends to continue his ROTC training throughout his graduate education in preparation for becoming a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, Rain's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Forrest and Sabrina Dartt and Jay and Rochelle Rathburn; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dartt's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 Clarksville High School Valedictorian, Rain Forrest Dartt, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

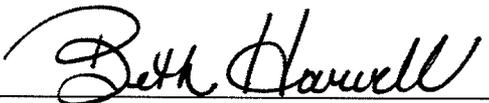
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 5, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR